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Letter dated 29 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on South Africa issued on 29 November 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 37.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement on South Africa issued on 29 November 1991 by the European Community

The Community and its member States warmly welcome the announcement of a date for the start of the negotiations in the framework of the multi/all-party conference on a new constitution establishing a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa. The Convention on a Democratic South Africa could be a landmark in the process of reform taking place in the country.

They express their hope that these negotiations will be conducted in a spirit of reconciliation and compromise.

The Community and its member States are convinced that only a negotiated settlement will bring lasting peace and prosperity to South Africa, thus positively contributing to the general progress of the region.